

**EFFECTIVE**

April 1, 2012.

**SUBJECT**

New Item

GDM 716, Extension For Youth Entering Guardianship At Ages 16-17, is being added to the Guardianship Manual to allow DHS to extend guardianship assistance beyond age 18, for youth who were 16 or older when their guardianship assistance payment became effective. The youth must have been eligible for guardianship assistance until his/her 18th birthday and meet specific criteria.

The policy defines youth as an individual who is at least 18 years of age, but less than 21 years of age.

*Reason: Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoption Act 2008-Extensions For Youth entering Guardianship at Ages 16-17.*

*Communication Plan: Young Adult Guardianship Extension Power-Point.*

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Added Items ...**

**GDM 716**